been advised to carry out special drives by the State Police to trace the persons and to review the progress of detection/deportation. They have also been asked to take the following steps:—

(i) Nomination of ACP in major cities, ASP in District/sub-division and Inspector in rural areas to deal with cases of Pak nationals;

(ii) holding of monthly coordination meetings by the District Magistrates/ Collectors with concerned officers and furnishing reports to the Chief Secretary for review;

(iii) Change of route is only to be allowed in very exceptional circumstances subject to verification by special Branch and timely advance intimation to the check post of entry.

World Bank assistance for upgradation of Roads and Highways

*16. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank assistance is available for upgradation of roads and highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any such proposals for upgradation from the Government of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether World Bank has agreed to released requisite financial assistance to such proposals of the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Presently, the following loans from World Bank are available for upgradation of roads and highways in the country:

(i) Second National Highway Project loan amount US$ 306 million for improvement of about 290 kms. of National Highways sections in the States of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab and West Bengal and reconstruction of six bridges on State roads in Orissa.

(ii) State Road Project Loan amounting to US$ 37.153 million for Bhagalpur bridge in Bihar.

(iii) Project Preparation Facility Loans for preparation of road project in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Haryana, amounting to US$ 2.4 million and US$ 1.4 million respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) State road totalling about 650 kms. at an estimated cost of Rs. 300 crores.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Involvement of Private Sector for development of National Highways

*17. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sectors have shown any interest in the development or maintenance of National Highways in the country; and

(b) if so, the nature and extent of their involvement?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) Concession agreements for each of the following projects have been finalised with the private sector who would develop the facility and collect user charges:

(i) Thane-Bhiwandi bypass on NH 3 in Maharashtra

(ii) Udaipur bypass on NH 8 in Rajasthan

(iii) Road Over Bridge across Rail at Chalthan on NH 8 in Gujarat.

Setting up of Air Force Veteran's Hospital

*18. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Super Speciality Air Force Veteran's Hospital (SSAVH) is being

constructed at New Delhi for free treatment of retired Air Force Personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to construct and extend such facilities for other retired defence personnel of Army and Navy;

(d) if so, the proposed locations thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e) Air Force have set up a Super Speciality Veteran Hospital at Subroto Park, New Delhi, from their Welfare and non-Public Funds. At present, this is an enterprise outside Government purview. A request has, however, also been received for financial assistance of Rs. 6.00 crores from National Defence Fund for this Hospital.

The Super Speciality Veteran Hospital will have 54 beds and it will provide specialised treatment for Cardiac, Renal, Orthopaedics and Malignant Diseases. The hospital is primarily meant for retired Indian Air Force personnel and their families. Surplus beds if available will be offered to retired personnel of Army and Navy.

At present, the Army and Navy have no proposal for setting up of hospitals for ex-Servicemen. The ex-Servicemen of the three Services and their families are provided medical facilities in Service hospitals except for psychiatric treatment, cancer treatment, kidney transplantation and coronary by-pass surgery. For the treatment of these ailments financial assistance is provided under the Group Insurance Schemes of the Armed Forces. Under the Group Insurance scheme, an amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh is paid for heart treatment, Rs. 75,000/- for Cancer treatment, Rs. 1.00 lakh for Renal transplant and Rs. 75,000/- for hip and knee joint replacement. Those ex-Servicemen who are not covered under the medical insurance scheme, are provided financial assistance upto 60% of total expenditure on treatment of serious diseases, e.g, by-pass surgery, angiography, kidney renal transplant, cancer, coronary artery surgery, etc., by the Kendriya Sainik Board.

Deployment of Armed Forces for internal security

*19. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy on the use of Armed Forces for internal security on permanent basis;

(b) the guiding principles for the use of Armed Forces for internal security and when the Armed Forces are deployed for internal security; and

(c) the structure for command and control of Armed Forces when deployed for internal security?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) The constitution of India lays down that "It shall be the duty of the Union to protect every state against external aggression and internal disturbance and to ensure that the Govt. of every State is carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution." The Armed Forces are called upon by the Union Govt. to restore normalcy in any State if any group expresses secessionist aims and/or is responsible for creating a situation of internal disturbance beyond the capacity of the State Govt. to contain such a situation. This is sometimes preceded by declaration of such a State as disturbed area and declaration of the group as an unlawful organisation. The Armed Forces when so called upon enjoy special powers of search and arrest in the event of the State concerned having been declared as disturbed area. The Govt. are not in favour of deployment of armed forces on permanent basis; as soon as any situation which necessitates the deployment of armed forces for civil duties is over, the armed forces are withdrawn.

(b) The duties of preserving law & order, of protecting property and of quelling disturbances rest on civil police and other civil Govt. forces. Every effort is made to maintain the civil administration as long as possible. It is only when it is perceived that the civil resources are inadequate to meet the situation, civil authority may call on the Armed Forces for assistance. The stage at which the civil